

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, April 2nd, 2018, 7:00pm
Downstairs Kitchen area

Committee members in attendance: Anne Miller, Nick Seifert, Becky Wigg, Wes Cate

Members of the public in attendance: Rich Phillips, Ed Hutchinson

- Select a facilitator
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Agenda modification
- Approval of previous minutes
- Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - Discussion about how to get quorum
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed)
 - Town meeting resolution and tabling update
 - Climate change discussion - follow up meetings
 - New members (if needed)
 - Library book/movie donations/funding
 - Discussion about grants or money for getting a charging station.
 - Plainfield updates
- Draft agenda for next meeting
- Select a facilitator
 - Anne volunteered
- Public comment
 - None
- Announcements
 - Anne is projecting a movie for Michael Billingsly about dams on the 25th of April.
 - Anne is also showing a movie in Cabot "chasing ice" tuesday April 3rd.
 - Anne also announced a discussion on April 11th about ecosystem services.
 - Nick will ask Melissa to share this with the planning commission.
- Agenda modification
 - Minor updates made below.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Approved unanimously.
- Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - Nick summarized the subcommittee meeting status from the last few meetings.
 - The next subcommittee meeting will be 4/9 at 6:30pm and Eric Vorwald from CVRPC will be in attendance to help with comments and questions.
 - Discussion about how to get quorum
 - Reiterated conversation from previous meeting.
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam
 - Nick summarized the recent events: the GMP letter, the investigation opened by the Public Utility Commission, etc.
 - Nick will follow up with Michael about when and how Marshfield can become party to the PUC investigation.
 - Town meeting resolution and tabling update

- The town meeting resolution passed. Next steps are getting the school to put in solar, improve the weatherization, and possible electric buses.
- Rich met with the superintendent last week about weatherization and solar. He seemed receptive. Rich and the superintendent reviewed old files and information on the weatherization efforts.
- The superintendent said he has had a lot of solicitations to provide solar to the school. Rich offered to compare and summarize these offers. The superintendent needs permission from the chair of the schoolboard before Rich can conduct this work. He is waiting to hear back on this before proceeding.
- Rich thinks it is unlikely that they would have any solar array located at the school.
- Climate change discussion - follow up meetings
 - Before town meeting there was the climate change workshop at twinfield. During this meeting Rich solicited people interested in pursuing further action.
 - Rich is discussing two actions out of this work:
 - Enforce the existing new building energy code. This seems to be law, and Marshfield is not actually creating it.
 - Require an energy home audit prior to the sale of a home, and some process for resolving any needed changes. This could be done by the legislature, or by banks requiring this.
 - Rich believes that weatherization is key to reducing Marshfield's climate change impact. To really make this effective would require the state funding the weatherization program, and following through. There is some recent precedent of the legislature funding programs that are working in weatherization.
 - Rich believes the next step is to meet with a group of dedicated folks for a few times and whittle down the list, and how to accomplish them.
 - Rich will send an email proposing a meeting time and place.
- New members (if needed)
 - No new members, or discussion needed this month.
- Library book/movie donations/funding
 - Anne has a few more DVDs and other titles she is considering.
 - There are a couple videos she is going to buy and see how she likes them. If they're good they'll go on the list, if not she'll eat the cost.
 - Wes will start looking into this a bit.
- Plainfield updates
 - Bob not present. Ed mentioned some home energy visits going on. Some IR images of the town hall showing work needed.
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 - Discussion about having a presentation about/for solar PV installers (e.g. suncommon, all earth, green lantern, etc)
 - Twinfield solar and weatherization updates.
 - Plainfield updates
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